



NEWS RELEASE
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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg and the Lincoln Police Department and the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

The Honorable Richard G. Kopf, United States District Judge in Lincoln, Nebraska, on January 7, 2011, sentenced Justin Fisher to 60 months imprisonment following his conviction for conspiracy to manufacture 100 or more marijuana plants. He was also ordered to serve five years of supervised release following completion of his prison term.

Lincoln/Lancaster County Narcotics Unit officers served a search warrant at Fisher's residence on March 6, 2010. Seized were over 900 marijuana plants, over a half kilogram of harvest marijuana, multiple grow lights, hydro tanks and other items utilized in growing the marijuana. Further investigation determined that Fisher, who was not living in the residence at the time of the search, had agreed in 2009 to allow Chien Nguyen to install a grow operation in the home which was then operational from that time until discovered by law enforcement. Mr. Fisher was indicted by a federal grand jury in May, 2010, pled guilty in October, 2010, and was sentenced on January 7, 2011.

Name of Defendant: Justin D. Fisher

AKA:

Age: 27

City of Residence: Lincoln

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty: conspiracy to manufacture 100 or more marijuana plants- five to 40 years imprisonment; \$2,000,000 fine; four to years term of supervised release, and \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Lincoln, Nebraska

Location of Arrest: N/A

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: N/A

Others Charged in Same Scheme: Chien Nguyen, Aaron Polk

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: July 1, 2009 Through March 6, 2010

Federal Arrest Date: June 9, 2010

Date Complaint Issued: N/A

Indictment Returned Date: May 18, 2010

Initial Appearance Date: June 9, 2010

Plea or Trial and Date(s): pled October 6, 2010

Sentencing Date: January 7, 2011

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: N/A

Assigned Magistrate Judge: Cheryl Zwart

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: in custody

In Continuous Custody Since: August 9, 2010

Assigned District Court Judge: Richard Kopf

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